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COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

The Democratic precinct conventions will be held Friday afternoon of this week for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention which meets at the court house in Clovis at 2:00 p. m. Saturday.

The precinct conventions in Clovis will be held at the City Hall and the court house and will convene promptly at 4:00 o'clock. The women are especially invited to attend and take an active part.

The County Convention

Much business is to be transacted at the county convention Saturday. Eighteen delegates are to be selected to the state convention which convenes at Las Vegas on the 24th. In addition to this a county chairman, a vice chairman and two members of the County Central Committee will be chosen. In all probability a woman will be named as vice chairman as there is a feeling by all local democrats that the women voters should be accorded an active part in the coming campaign.

HARDING MAY STRAY A BIT FROM HIS PORCH

Marion, O.—To what extent Senator Harding will deviate from his front porch campaign policy has not yet been determined, though the general impression prevails among many Republicans, that there will be some speeches made by the republican presidential nominee outside of Ohio before the campaign closes. Senator Harry S. New, Chairman of the speaker's bureau of the national committee, said after a conference with Harding: "It may be that the occasion will arise and Senator Harding will speak elsewhere than from his front porch, but this is for the future to determine."

GROWTH OF CITIES IS COMING FROM FARMS

The rapid growth of the ten chief cities of the United States during the last decade appeals to the cartoonist of a film news service as a record presenting worthy cause for pride. But figures from five counties in Missouri and Oklahoma, comprising some of the best farming land in the country show, in the census returns a decline in population of some 46,000. Would it not be well for the cities, before they congratulate themselves too heartily on their increase in the census tables, to ascertain where the added population comes from, and whether enough men are going to be left on the farms to feed those who have gone from them? And is it altogether a cause for pride that, for economic or other reasons, men are apparently leaving the farms as rapidly as ever they can?

HOME FROM VACATION

Dr. J. W. Board and family and A. W. Hockenbush and family returned Saturday from a two week's camping trip in the mountains near Las Vegas. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, who accompanied them, returned Monday night.

TRADED BUSINESSES

W. L. Miles has traded his interest in the Alameda Ice Cream and Bottling Works to Mr. Glidewell for the second-hand furniture business he has owned on South Mitchell St., at the old Model Laundry building. Mr. Miles has also bought the stock of the Shapland Furniture Co. and will consolidate it with his store just purchased.

VISITED POINTS IN NORTHWEST

Dr. and Mrs. Clyn Smith and little son returned the first of the week from an extended trip to points in the northwest. They visited Denver, Salt Lake, and a number of places of interest and while away the doctor took a special post-graduate course.

WILL INSTALL CONDENSER

City Manager Oscar Dobbs and Dalton Mack have gone to Dayton, Texas, where a condenser has been purchased for use at the city plant. They will bring it home in a truck.

SCHOOL BUILDING GOING AHEAD VERY RAPIDLY

Work is progressing nicely on the new Eugene Field school building now. A car load of brick was unloaded this week and others are in transit and there will not likely be any delay from this source. The stone for the trimming is also in transit. The local labor situation has also improved to the extent that more men can be worked. Contractor J. W. Mordecai says he anticipates that the building will be completed and ready for use by January 1.

Excellent workmanship is going into this building and it is going to be a credit to Clovis when it is completed.

\$8,710,000,000 A YEAR ON LUXUREIS

Washington—People of the United States spend \$8,710,000,000 for luxuries annually, according to Miss Edith Strauss, head of the Women's Activities Division of the department of justice campaign against high living costs. She classes in her luxury list such articles as motor cars, pianos, carpets and "luxurious clothing," in addition to tobacco, candy and soft drinks.

Tobacco leads the list of luxuries. Miss Strauss has prepared, and on it the people spend \$2,110,000,000 each year. Cigarettes bring \$800,000,000; snuff and loose tobacco a like sum, and cigars \$510,000,000.

Approximately \$2,000,000,000 goes each year for motor cars and their parts. Candy makers reap a harvest of \$1,060,000,000, and 50,000,000 is spent annually for chewing gum. Soft drinks cost the public \$350,000,000; perfumery and cosmetics, \$750,000,000; furs, \$300,000,000; carpets and "luxurious clothing," \$1,500,000,000; toilet soaps, \$100,000,000, and pianos organs and photographs, \$250,000,000.

"The labor and capital employed in producing these luxuries might otherwise have been turning out necessities—clothes, fuel, shoes, house, food," Miss Strauss finds. "In other words, the nation might have had more bread if it had had less cake. And, as is always the case, the dancer is paying the fiddler. In this instance the luxury consumer is paying a higher price for his necessities because he is abnormally consuming luxuries."

The statistics were collected by the treasury department.

LAST OF MATERIAL FOR HOSPITAL ENROUTE

J. W. Mordecai, who has the contract for erecting the Baptist hospital says that the last material has been shipped and is expected to arrive most any time now. When this material comes in Mr. Mordecai says there will be little delay in getting the building completed.

THINKS HE IS A STRONG CANDIDATE

The announcement of former Attorney General Harry L. Patton of Clovis that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for supreme court judge at the state convention to be held at Las Vegas August 24th, has just been received in this city by friends of Patton.

Attorney Patton is a strong campaigner, as evidenced by his victory over Frank W. Clancy for the office of attorney general in 1916.—Columbus Courier.

Hon. Harry L. Patton of Clovis, former Attorney General, is an open candidate for the Democratic nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court, at the Democratic State Convention to be held at Las Vegas on August 24th. Mr. Patton is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of the state, has a clean record as an officer, and is well and favorably known all over the state. Should he receive the nomination it is a foregone conclusion that he will be one of the strongest candidates on the Democratic ticket.—House Pioneer.

BOWYER SAYS WILL NOT RUN FOR STATE SUP'T

Friends of E. W. Bowyer from all parts of the state have been urging his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent since he was mentioned in the papers last week. In conversation with the News man this week, Mr. Bowyer said: "I appreciate very much the offers I have had for support from all parts of the state but you may state that I will not be a candidate for the position. In the first place, I have a contract with the Board of Education of Clovis to act as superintendent of Clovis schools and my first interest is in this work, and again, the state superintendent must have lived in the state for a period of five years to be eligible for the position and I have not resided in the state that length of time."

Mr. Bowyer has received scores of letters during the past week asking him to make the race.

FINE CROPS IN OKLAHOMA

A. E. Curren returned this week from a business trip to Kansas City, points in Oklahoma and elsewhere. Mr. Curren says Oklahoma has wonderful crops but that money matters are a little tight and there is not a great deal of interest in oil development for this section.

WHY TAKE HIM OFF OF THE OLD JOB?

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Harding, going to prove to the public that he is a real printer, today threw aside his coat, rolled up his sleeves and "made up" the first page of his paper, while a motion picture machine recorded his actions.

A BAD MUD HOLE

There is a very bad mud hole near the Santa Fe crossing on the road leading out of town to Texico and Portales that is giving Clovis some very unfavorable advertising. Every auto tourist that comes into town must pass over this road and naturally it does not create a very favorable impression.

BOND SALES ARE SLOW

Representatives of firms interested in selling the city equipment for the water and light plant and handling the bonds issued for same have been in Clovis this week. The city has so far been unable to make any satisfactory sale of the bonds.

MARKING ABO PASS ROUTE THIS WEEK

Remarkable progress has been made in marking the Abo Pass Highway through New Mexico and Texas. The route has been marked as far east as Hereford and by the time the Abo Pass Highway convention, which will be held in Clovis, Monday, Aug. 16th, it is expected that the marking crew will have reached the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway at Belen on the Rio Grande River. At the Clovis convention, arrangements will be made to complete the markings thru Canyon, Amarillo, Panhandle, White Deer, Miami, Canadian and Higgins, Texas. The convention will locate the route from Higgins through Oklahoma, and Kansas to the Missouri River at Kansas City. It will probably pass through Arnett and Enid, Oklahoma, and then north into Kansas by way of Wichita and Emporia to Kansas City, at which point it will connect with the National Old Trails Route to the east.

There is a movement on foot to end the route at Albuquerque, the largest city in the state. This will be thrashed out at the convention and will probably be adopted as the movement has a strong following, according to D. W. Jones, secretary of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce.

The markings of the Abo Route are very distinctive and can easily be read by autoists at a long distance. The colors are bands of red and yellow, the Indian's favorite color, over which is superimposed a broad arrow. This marking will be registered in the U. S. Patent office at Washington.

BIG RAIN INSURES WONDERFUL FEED CROP

On Tuesday night of this week Curry County got the best rain that has fallen here in several months. In Clovis the precipitation amounted to two and one-fourth inches while all over the north part of the county it is reported as having been heavier. The rain insures a wonderful yield of kaffir, maize and other crops. It is estimated that there will be in the neighborhood of two million bushels of maize harvested this fall in the county, which will be the largest crop the county has ever produced. The moisture will also be of great benefit to the land that is being prepared for wheat this fall, and all indications point to the fact that the greatest acreage ever put out in the county will be sown.

MARRIED AT AMARILLO

Fayette Copeland, Jr., of this city, and Miss Edith Jamieson of Edmond, Okla., were married at Amarillo on Thursday morning of this week. The wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage there, the ceremony being performed by Dr. H. F. Brooks, pastor of the Methodist Church at that place. The bride was accompanied to Amarillo by her mother, Mrs. W. C. Jamieson, and Miss Lucy Hampton of Edmond, Okla., and the two and Miss Bettie Wileman and Mr. C. H. Wileman of Amarillo, friends of the bride and groom, were the only ones present at the ceremony.

The bride and groom will return to Clovis this week and make their home here.

The bride has been a teacher in Oklahoma schools and has made a marked success in her profession. The groom has lived in Clovis for the past several months and for the past two months has been with the News. He is an efficient young man and the News force wishes him and his bride all the happiness possible.

MR. AND MRS. MANDELL ARRIVE HERE WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mandell and Mr. Mandell's little daughter, Pauline, arrived in Clovis on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Mandell has been away from Clovis for several months having spent some months at his childhood home in France. He says France is recovering from the effects of the war but everything there costs much higher than in America. Mr. and Mrs. Mandell spent several days at Albuquerque and El Paso before coming home. The News joins the many friends of Mr. Mandell in extending congratulations and welcoming him and his bride home.

WILL BUILD BEAUTIFUL HOME ON GIDDING STREET

J. W. Mordecai recently purchased the Sam Bratton lot on North Gidding Street where he will erect a modern brick home. This is one of the choice residence locations of Clovis.

SHRINE CEREMONIAL AT AMARILLO IS POSTPONED

The Khiva Shrine Ceremonial, which was scheduled at Amarillo for August 6th and 7th, has been postponed awaiting the visitation of the Imperial Potentate. More than fifty Shriner from Clovis had planned to attend.

GORE DEFEATED

Oklahoma City.—United States Senator Gore is running far behind Scott Ferris, democratic candidate for the senatorial nomination on the returns from Tuesday's state-wide primary.

WILSON'S PHYSICIAN TAKES VACATION; THE PRESIDENT IS BETTER

Washington, Aug. 3.—Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's physician, started on his vacation today, explaining that he was going by direction of the president. Dr. Grayson said the president had shown such marked improvement of late that it was not necessary to put him in the care of another physician.

SOME VALUATIONS SHOWN ON CURRY COUNTY'S TAX ROLLS

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR FAIR THIS FALL

A meeting of members of the Curry County Farm Bureau was held at the office of the County Agent on Wednesday of this week to discuss the matter of holding a fair this fall. It was the unanimous decision that a fair should be held and ways of financing the proposition were discussed. It was suggested that a good plan would be to prorate the expense among the different localities of the county in the same manner as the rural telephone proposition was handled.

A meeting will be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on next Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock to discuss plans with the Chamber of Commerce toward perfecting a permanent fair organization and going to work immediately to put the fair over for this fall.

CLOVIS MEN PURCHASE BANK AT SLATON

The officers of the First National Bank of this place have purchased the First State Bank at Slaton, Texas, which is the leading bank in that thriving little Texas town and has a capital stock of \$40,000.00 and about \$600,000.00 on deposit. W. M. Ford, who has been with the First National here, left for Slaton Wednesday morning and will be actively connected with the bank there.

BAILEY'S LEAD 1856 LATE REPORTS GIVE

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 3.—Returns from 247 counties received by the Texas Election Bureau, 216 of which are complete, show Bailey leading Neff by 1856 votes. At the close of counting Tuesday night Bailey had 161,125 votes, Neff 149,263, Thomson 99,012, Looney 48,649.

JAMES A. HALL IS NEW REVENUE COLLECTOR

James A. Hall of Portales has been named as collector of Internal Revenue to fill out the unexpired term of Carl A. Hatch, who resigned several weeks ago to give more attention to his practice in Clovis. Mr. Hall expects to move to Albuquerque about the middle of the month to take charge of the affairs of the office. He received his appointment a few days ago, and as soon as the final papers come through from Washington, he will take over the office.

Mr. Hall has been practicing law in the state since 1906. He moved to the state in 1903. His activities along legal lines have included membership in the Constitutional Convention of the state in 1910 and assistant district attorney for the fifth judicial district.

WILL TAKE PART IN NATIONAL RIFLE SHOOT

Robert R. Miller has been chosen as one of the twelve members of the New Mexico civilian rifle team that will compete in the national rifle shoot that will be held soon at Camp Perry, Ohio. This will be the fifth time Mr. Miller has participated in the national rifle shoot. Three times he has gone as a member of the national guard and this time will be the second time as a civilian.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT VISIT NEW MEXICO

New York, August 3.—The complete itinerary of the western speaking tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice presidential candidate, beginning in Chicago August 11 and ending in Indianapolis August 31, was announced at democratic headquarters here today. The tour will be made in a special car. No New Mexico points are scheduled.

Tax Assessor George Roach has finished the tax rolls and they have been sent to Santa Fe for approval. The total assessed valuation of the county this year is \$11,305,385.00 as compared to \$10,844,540.00 in 1919. There has been a gain in the number of hogs, horses and mules, while there are not so many cattle or sheep as in 1919. The rolls show the county to have 19,223 cattle this year against 20,616 in 1919; 3,017 hogs as compared to only 1063 last year. This year there are 6,888 horses and mules while last year the tax assessor only found 7,760. Sheep show a decided falling off for some reason, this year there being only 4,300 as compared to 8,031 in 1919.

Following are some of the valuations shown on the rolls Mr. Roach has just completed.

Total value of town lots and improvements	\$1,774,430.00
Farm lands cultivated	\$1,172,339.00
Grazing lands	\$2,487,582.00
Equity in State Lands	\$123,541.00
Farm and Ranch	
Improvements	\$571,925.00
Horses and Mules, number 6,888	364,325.00
Cattle, No. 19,223	729,065.00
Sheep, No. 4,300	30,630.00
Swine, No. 3,017	28,340.00
Farm and Ranch	
Equipment	\$200,751.00
Mercantile Equipment	64,405.00
Merchandise	616,751.00
Auto, No. 760	283,615.00
Professions and trades	18,515.00
Plants, Tools and	
Machinery	54,480.00
Household effects	\$178,335.00
Railroad	\$2,546,958.00
Telephone Co.	34,715.00
Telegraph Company	6,394.00
American Railway Express Company	7,860.00
Banks	301,901.00
Other Corporate Prop.	60,570.00
Total value of	
County	\$11,753,163.00
Exemptions	\$359,655.00
Soldiers and Sailors' Exemptions	\$88,125.00
Final Assessed Value	\$11,305,385.00

TWO THRESHER FIRES FROM SAME WHEAT STACKS

The R. C. Vinyard thresher came near being destroyed by fire at the Moore farm near Claud the early part of the week. It caught fire three times but each time the fire was extinguished before a great deal of damage was done. While trying to thresh wheat at this same place a few weeks ago the Dave Shinn thresher caught fire and was burned, together with two or three stacks of wheat. Mr. Vinyard had come with his thresher to finish the work started by the Shinn machine. Threshermen are at a loss to know what caused the fires while threshing this particular wheat unless it was smut.

SMALLER DELINQUENT LIST

The delinquent tax list of Curry County for the year 1919 is being printed in the News this week. The list is only about one-third as large as the one printed last year.

OFFENDER ESCAPES BY TECHNICALLY IN LAW

With evidence piled up against him and with the finger of justice directed straight at him, a Mexican who stole three chickens late last week was cleared in a trial in the city court, because there is no city ordinance against appropriating members of the feathered tribe. D. B. Hughes followed a hot trail into the offenders residence on West Otero Street, and searched the premises. To retaliate, the Mexican later filed suit against Mr. Hughes for searching the place without a warrant, and it was only through a technicality that he escaped being convicted.

The case of the Mexican will probably be brought up in the district court if the offense can be considered larceny, and in the meantime the city council will probably enact an ordinance to prevent chicken stealing from becoming a popular sport.